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SUBJECT: SECOND CENTO COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES MEETING, 1975

1. CENTO COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES (CD) MET MARCH 4. CD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED ITEMS (1) ADOPTION OF AGENDA (CD/75/A2) AND AGENDA ITEMS (2) APPROVAL OF RECORD (CD/75/R1); (3) FY72-73 MTCF AUDIT REPORT (CD/74/D19); (4) FY 72-73 AID/CENTO PROGRAM FUND AUDIT REPORT (CD/74/20); (5) FY 72-73 MSF AUDIT REPORT (CD/74/D21); (6) FY 72-73 SECRETARIAT AND CMPS AUDIT REPORT (CD/75/D2); (7) APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF AUDITORS FOR FY 73-74 ACCOUNTS AUDIT (CD/74/D27) (8) APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO SYG (CD/75/D1); (9) APPOINTMENT OF DEPT SYG FOR COUNTER SUBVERSION (CD/74/D22).

2. AGENDA ITEM 10, SECRETARIAT NOTE ON REORGANIZATION OF CENTO SECRETARIAT (CD/74/D24) WAS ALSO APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY. THE TURKISH REPRESENTATIVE URGED THAT THE REORGANIZATION COMMITTEE MEET EXPEDITIOUSLY AND GIVE PRIORITY TO AN EXAMINATION OF "AUXILIARY STAFF" PROBLEMS. THE PAKISTAN REPRESENTATIVE REQUESTED THAT THE COMMITTEE ALSO GIVE FULL CONSIDERATION TO THE QUESTION OF NATIONAL RATIOS IN THE SECRETARIAT. SYG BAYULKEN EXPRESSED HIS HOPE THAT THE REORGANIZATION REPORT WOULD BE COM-
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PLETED IN TIME FOR PRESENTATION TO THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS IN

MAY.

3. THE SYG NOTED, DURING DISCUSSION OF PROGRESS REPORT ON POLITICAL GUIDANCE (ITEM 11), THAT THE AD HOC POLITICAL WORKING GROUP HAD NOT YET MET AND THAT NO UNANIMITY HAD BEEN ACHIEVED IN PERMANENT MILITARY DEPUTIES (PMD) GROUP. HE SAID HE WOULD TAKE THE INITIATIVE AND TRY TO BRIDGE THE GAP; HE WOULD BE HAVING DETAILED DISCUSSIONS WITH TURKISH GENERAL STAFF OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS AFTER WHICH HE WOULD DISCUSS QUESTION OF POLITICAL GUIDANCE DURING HIS FORTHCOMING TRIP TO MEMBER CAPITALS (REFTEL). HE SAID HE HOPED TO ACHIEVE AGREED POLITICAL GUIDANCE PAPER IN TIME TO HAVE IT ADOPTED AT MAY MINISTERIAL MEETING.

4. THE SYG STATED HIS BELIEF THAT CENTO SHOULD BE REVITALIZED TO GIVE AN IMAGE OF DYNAMISM AND DETERRENCE AND AS A CONTRIBUTOR TO DETENTE. HE NOTED THAT PRESENT TWO TO ONE RATIO OF SALARIES TO PROJECTS SHOULD BE REVERSED. HE WILL ADVOCATE AN INCREASE IN FUNDING FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROJECTS DURING HIS TRIP. (A MORE DETAILED PRESENTATION WILL BE SUBMITTED PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE. AT LUNCHEON BEFORE MEETING BAYULKEN INTIMATED HE WOULD ASK EACH MEMBER STATE TO INCREASE ITS ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION BY 100,000 POUNDS STERLING.) THE UK REPRESENTATIVE URGED THAT PRESENT NUMBER OF WORKING GROUP CONFERENCES BE REEXAMINED TO SEE IF ADDITIONAL ECONOMIES COULD BE REALIZED.

5. ALSO AT PRIVATE LUNCHEON BRITISH AMBASSADOR PHILLIPS FLOATED TRIAL BALLOON ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF POSTPONING SPRING MINISTERIAL NOW SCHEDULED FOR ANKARA MAY 21-23. PHILLIPS SAID HIS FONMIN MIGHT BE HEAVILY ENGAGED AT THAT TIME WITH UK PLEBISCITE ON COMMON MARKET. TURKISH AND PAKISTANI REPS URGED THAT MEETING BE HELD AS SCHEDULED.
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